Ministry of Environment and Forests on 27.9.1996. The Goa State Coastal Zone Management Authority is responsible of implementing and enforcing the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 and the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Goa.

(e) The approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Goa demarcates the coastal stretches of Goa into Coastal Regulation Zone-I, II and III.

National Environmental Policy

479. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently framed National Environment Policy;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the policy has taken into consideration of wildlife of forests;

(d) if so, when it is expected to be implemented; and

(e) whether any financial allocation has been made therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Environment Policy (NEP), 2006 was approved by the Union Cabinet on 18.5.2006 and it is available on the website (http:/www.envfor.nic.in) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(b) The NEP, 2006 is a response to our national commitment to a clean environment, mandated in the Constitution. It recognizes that maintaining a healthy environment is not the State's responsibility alone, but also that of every citizen. The NEP is also intended to help realize sustainable development by mainstreaming environment concerns in all development activities. It briefly describes key environmental challenges currently and prospectively facing the country, the objectives of environment policy, normative principles underlying policy action, strategic themes for intervention, broad indications of the legislative and institutional development needed to accomplish the strategic themes, and mechanisms for implementation and review.

The broad objectives of the policy are: conservation of critical environmental resources, intra-generational equity-livelihood security for the poor, inter-generational equity, integration of environmental concerns

in economic and social development, efficiency in environmental resource use, improved environmental governance and enhancement of resources for environmental conservation.

(c) Yes, Sir. The policy has taken into consideration of wildlife of forests.

(d) The Policy outlines a significant number of new and continuing initiatives for enhancing environmental conservation, which require coordinated action by diverse actors, and preparation of Action Plans on identified themes by the concerned agencies at all levels of government—Central, State/UT and Local. The concerned Ministries/ Departments in the Central Government are required to prepare Action Plans and encourage the State Governments/UT Administrations to undertake similar action.

(e) No, Sir.

Fund to States for NRCP

480. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released some amount to States for the National River Conservation Programme;

(b) if so, the details of such amount released and utilized, so far, during the last two years for each river, State wise; and

(c) the criteria set to release amount for such programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the amounts released by the Central Government and the expenditure incurred by the State Governments under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) during the last two financial years State wise for different rivers is enclosed as Statement (*See* below). The schemes of pollution abatement in various river are sanctioned under the Plan on a cost sharing basis between Central and State Governments/Local Bodies and the financial releases are made by the Central Government on a recurring basis dependent upon the Physical and Financial progress achieved by the State Implementing Agencies in these schemes as well as proportionate contribution of their share of funds by the State Governments/Local Bodies.